

## TLWI Board Meeting - Turtle Lake Watershed Partnership Minutes

**Saturday, June 15, 2013, 10:00 A.M.**

### **Turtle Lake Mission**

**Attending Board Members:** John Cameron, Bob Gourlay, Bernie Lukan, Scott McRobbie, Jim Range, Bob Leslie, Dave Blackwell,

### **Call to Order**

President Jim Range called the meeting to order at 10:05 and welcomed the members and visitors.

Bob Gourlay read the minutes of the April 27, 2013 Board meeting and asked if there were any errors or omissions. He then motioned to have them adopted as read, seconded by S. Mcrobbie. Carried

### **Financial Report – Bob Gourlay**

Bob Gourlay presented the bank statement and reported that as of May 31, 2013, the balance of the TLWI account was \$8,293.57.

Bob moved the financial report be adopted as presented, seconded J. Cameron. Carried

### **Audited Financial Report – April 2012 – March 2013 – Bob Gourlay**

Bob Gourlay presented the Audited Financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2013. There were membership revenues of \$2,475, total expenses of \$1,673.47 with a net income of \$801.53. Bob invited questions from the board. Scott McRobbie noticed that the date on the balance sheet was incorrect and should read as of March 31, 2013 rather than 2012. Bob acknowledge the error and motioned the audited financials be adopted as read and corrected, seconded Bob Leslie. Carried. The adopted audited financials will be posted at [www.tlwi.ca](http://www.tlwi.ca) for those wanting a copy.

### **Display Equipment for TLWI Events**

As discussed at the April 27, 2012 Board meeting, the TLWI has had numerous requests over the years to conduct presentations, answer questions and provide informational materials to local residents at Hamlet AGM's and other local events. The board discussed the purchase of a "Pop-Up" display unit that could be used at such events Bob Gourlay volunteered to investigate the suitability and cost of such a unit. Bob reported that the companies that sell this type of product do not recommend its use outdoors, because of its susceptibility to wind.

The board discussed the matter further, and a roll-down, map-type display that could be hung on a building wall, inside or out, might be a better solution. Bob volunteered to investigate such a unit and report back. All board members were asked to keep their eyes open for any other solutions.

### **Update on Water Security Agency**

Bob Gourlay reported that the Water Security Agency, the replacement organization of the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority, was experiencing significant delays in approving Aquatic Habitat Protection Permits. Bob reported that in a conversation he had with Bev Hathaway, the manager responsible for issuing these permits, he was informed that because of the extensive flooding in the province and the current reorganization of staff, the agency would be taking well beyond their target of 30 days to process the permit requests.

Bev Hathaway was asked to come to the August 24, 2013 TLWI Board meeting to provide an overview of the new Water Security Agency, their mandate and progress.

### **Update on Turtle Lake Water Levels**

The water level on Turtle Lake as of June 11, 2013 was 16 inches above full supply.

### **2013 AGM Preparations**

- Bob reported that Gord Sedgewick would not be able to present at the July 20, 2013 AGM. He and Chad would be busy with other responsibilities that weekend. Ken Startup, the Public Health Inspector, was also invited to speak, but he declined due to family commitments on that date. Jim Range, volunteered to contact the RM of Mervin, to see if someone from the municipality would come and present on the new Official Community Plan as it relates to future lake development.
- Once finalized, Bob will send out notification of the guest speaker and include a poster for members to place in their communities.

- The board reviewed the current board member list that indicates those board members whose terms were ending Aug. 1, 2013. The nomination process will assume these board members will remain for an additional two year term, unless the Secretary is notified otherwise. The nominees should get approval from their representative hamlets / RM prior to the AGM election.
- Arrangements have been made for the use of the hall, chapel and kitchen. John Cameron will arrange for the lunch.

#### **Correspondence**

- Amy Buckland-Nicks – Master of Environmental Studies – Dalhousie University – Request to participate in research related to Key Success Factors for Community Based Watershed Steward.
- Terry Kotyk – Dissolution and Disbursement of SNOWs Funds

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.**

**The AGM is scheduled for July 20, 2013, 10 am at the Turtle Lake Mission.**

**Next Board Meeting: Saturday, August 24, 2013, 10:00 A.M., Turtle Lake Mission.**